

CAPSULE SUMMARY
8069 Croom Road (PG: 82A-49)
Charles County, Maryland

Located near the Baltimore and Potomac rail line, the house at 8069 Croom Road was built in the 1870s and significantly altered in the 1890s, with the addition of a two-story, three-sided, front-gabled bay. This addition reflects the popularity of the Queen Anne style in Prince George's County during the 1890s. Situated close to the rail line, the house also reflects patterns of growth and development that characterized Prince George's County during the late-19th century.

This appears to have been originally a two story, three bay wide house. In the 1890s, a large addition was built onto the front, in the form of a projecting two-story, three-sided front-gabled bay. As a result, the house now has an L-plan. Although the foundation of the house is not visible, the wood frame walls are clad with asbestos shingles. The interior angle of the main house and projecting addition contains an L-shaped porch which has been enclosed. A pressed metal shingle roof covers the building, and features an interior end brick chimney, laid in stretcher bond, on the front addition. A central interior chimney is located in the original section of the house. There are no cornice returns on the house.

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1. Name of Property

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historic name _____

common/other name _____

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2. Location

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street & number 8069 Croom Road not for publication _____
city or town Upper Marlboro vicinity _____ state Maryland code MD
county Prince George's County code 33 zip code 20772

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification

N/A

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4. National Park Service Certification

N/A

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5. Classification

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Ownership of Property (Check all that apply)

- ☒ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- ☒ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing Noncontributing

<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes _____ Name of Listing _____

No ☒

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6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single Dwelling

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single Dwelling

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Vernacular Queen Anne

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

Foundation Not Visible

Roof Gable: Pressed Metal Shingle

Walls Wood Frame: Asbestos Shingle

other _____

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1

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8. Statement of Significance
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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- ☐ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- ☐ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ B removed from its original location.
- ☐ C a birthplace or a grave.
- ☐ D a cemetery.
- ☐ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ F a commemorative property.
- ☐ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance 1872-1955

Significant Dates c. 1872

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation Undefined

Architect/Builder Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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(Cite the books, articles, legal records, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

Carley, Rachel. *The Visual Dictionary of American Domestic Architecture*. New York, NY: Henry Holt and Company, 1994.

Charles County Land and Will Records. Charles County Courthouse and the Maryland State Archives, Annapolis, Maryland.

McAlester, Virginia and Lee. *A Field Guide to American Houses*. New York, NY: Alfred A. Knopf, 1985.

Rivoire, J. Richard. *Homeplaces: Traditional Domestic Architecture of Charles County, Maryland*. Crownsville, MD: Maryland Historical Trust, 1990.

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property 8.00 acres

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The property at 8069 Croom Road is designated as Parcel 77, Grid C4 as indicated on Map 110.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The building at 8069 Croom Road has historically been associated with Parcel 77 since its construction in circa 1872.

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11. Form Prepared By

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organization EHT Traceries, Inc. date July 8, 1999
street & number 5420 Western Avenue telephone 301/656-5283
city or town Chevy Chase state MD zip code 20815

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12. Property Owner

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name George J. Merchant
street & number 8069 Croom Road telephone _____
city or town _____ state MD zip code 20772

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The house is located near the crossing of Croom Road and the Conrail Line, originally the Baltimore and Potomac rail line. Level and grassy, the lot is on the south side of the road, and features mature trees, shrubs, foundation plantings, and a gravel driveway. Built around 1872, this appears to have been originally a two story, three bay wide house. In the 1890s, a large addition was built onto the front, in the form of a projecting two-story, three-sided front-gabled bay. As a result, the house now has an L-plan. Although the foundation of the house is not visible, the wood frame walls are clad with asbestos shingles. The interior angle of the main house and projecting addition contains an L-shaped porch which has been enclosed. A pressed metal shingle roof covers the building, and features an interior end brick chimney, laid in stretcher bond, on the front addition. A central interior chimney is located in the original section of the house. There are no cornice returns on the house.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION:

The façade, or east elevation of the building, is three bays wide, and features a projecting two-story, three-sided, front-gabled bay on the left side. On the first story, the center and right-side bays are obscured by an L-shaped porch which is attached to the house where the front addition meets the original house. The porch features a hipped, pressed metal shingle roof, and has been enclosed with asbestos shingles and a 6/6 wood window on the east side. Above the porch, at the second story, are two 6/6 wood windows. The projecting 3-sided bay features three 2/2 wood windows on the first story and three 2/2 wood windows on the second story. The front gable contains a small, diamond-shaped fixed 4-light window.

The north elevation is five bays wide, and is comprised of the two-story addition, the L-shaped porch, and the gable end of the original house. This side of the porch contains two 2/2 horizontal sash windows which appear to have been installed in the 1960s. Above the porch, on the addition, is a 2/2 wood window. The gable end of the original portion of the house is marked on the first story by two 6/6 wood windows and a single-leaf paneled wood door with a 1-light transom. It is not clear if this entrance is original or if it was installed later. The second story is marked by three 6/6 wood windows. The gable contains a round-arched 4-light window.

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The rear, or west, elevation is three bays wide. It features two 6/6 wood windows on the first floor, and two 6/6 wood windows on the second floor. An exterior chimney with a corbeled cap has been built onto a porch addition on the south (right) side.

The south elevation features a one-story porch across the entire side. This porch is covered by a hipped standing seam metal roof with exposed rafter ends, and has been enclosed. A single-leaf wood panel-and-light door is located in the center of the porch.

Adjoining the door on the left side is a group of three 1/1 metal windows. To the left of these is a 6/6 wood window. To the right of the door are two 2/2 wood windows. On the second story, there are two 6/6 wood windows and one 2/2 wood window.

SUPPORTING BUILDINGS:

There are two supporting buildings on the property: a shed, and a small commercial building, or store. The store is located east of the house, and was built in the 1920s. A small wood frame building, it is one story tall, and two bays wide. It features German siding, a front gable, asphalt shingle roof with exposed rafter ends, a two-bay front porch with square wood posts, and an interior rear brick chimney. The façade contains a single-leaf multiple light door and a multiple light window. Behind the house is a one-story, one-bay concrete block shed with a front gable rolled asphalt roof, which appears to have been built in the 1930s.

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Between 1880 and 1890, the Queen Anne style became the most popular architectural idiom in the United States. This style relied on a contrast of construction materials, varied ornament, and irregular roof shapes. One of the forms derived from this style was the front-gabled, 3-sided projecting bay. This feature was soon adopted by vernacular builders, and could be used to bring older houses up to current standards of fashion.

Following the Civil War, railroads made the greatest impact upon community development, particularly the completion of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad's (B & P) main line from Bowie in Prince George's County to Pope's Creek in Charles County in 1872. The population of Prince George's County grew steadily during the last three decades of the 19th century. The house remained in the Duley family from 1872 until 1955.

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National Register Evaluation:

The house at 8069 Croom Road is not eligible due to the fact that it does not meet National Register Criteria A, B, C, or D. Preliminary research has not revealed any association between the building and events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history (Criterion A) or the lives of persons significant in our past (Criterion B). Although the building provides an example of vernacular rural architecture, it is neither unusual nor distinguished; it does not represent the work of a master or display high artistic merit (Criterion C). There is no evidence that the property is likely to yield information important in history or prehistory (Criterion D). Thus, the property is not National Register-eligible.

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Eligibility recommended _____ Not Recommended X

Comments:

Review, OPS: [Signature] Date: 11/1/99

Reviewer, NR Program: _____ Date: _____

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Development Period (s):

Agricultural-Industrial Transition (1815-1870)
Industrial/Urban Dominance (1870-1930)
Modern period (1930-present)

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):

Architecture, Landscape, and
Community Planning

RESOURCE TYPE(S)

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function (s): DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

Known Design Source: Unknown

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Chain of Title:

May 21, 1872: Samuel B. Hanes, trustee, to Enoch G. Duley and
William W. Duley
Equity Case #483
Land Records of Prince George's County
Liber HB7 Folio 223

March 31, 1896: William W. and Susan Duley to James W. Duley
Land Records of Prince George's County
Liber JWB-35 Folio 466

James W. Duley to Julia Rosa Duley
Will Records of Prince George's County
Liber WTD Folio 185

November 18, 1955: Julia Rosa Duley to John T. and Jeanne M.
Billhimer
Land Records of Prince George's County
Liber 1932 Folio 55

November 13, 1959: John T. and Jeanne M. Billhimer to Edward J.
and Ruth B. Merchant
Land Records of Prince George's County
Liber 2402 Folio 17

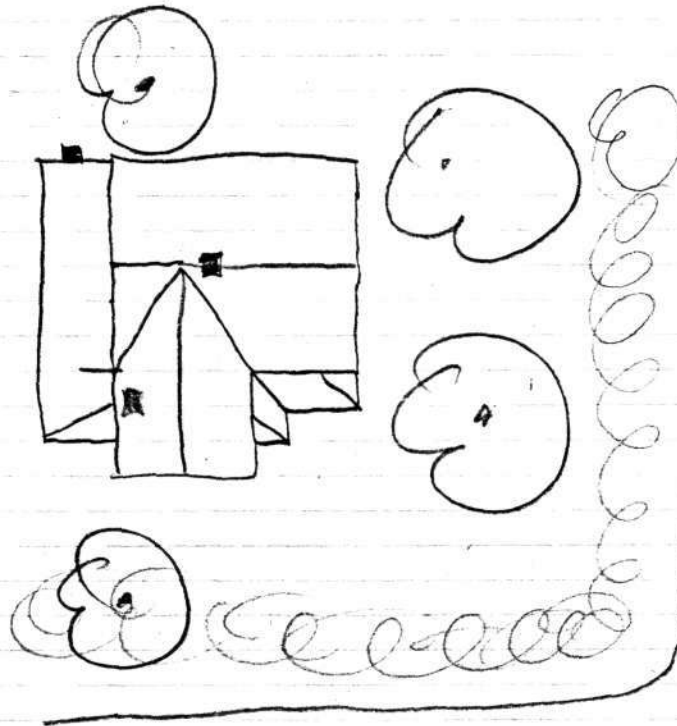
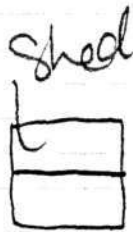
March 3, 1987: Fleur M. Jett, personal representative of the
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Edward J. Merchant to George J. Merchant
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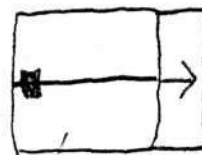
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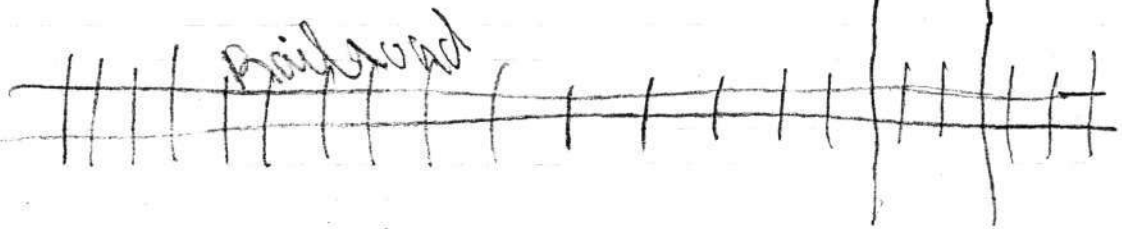
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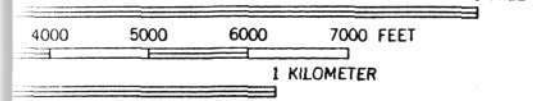




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8069 CROOM ROAD
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9900 OLD INDIAN HEAD ROAD
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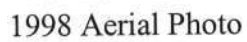
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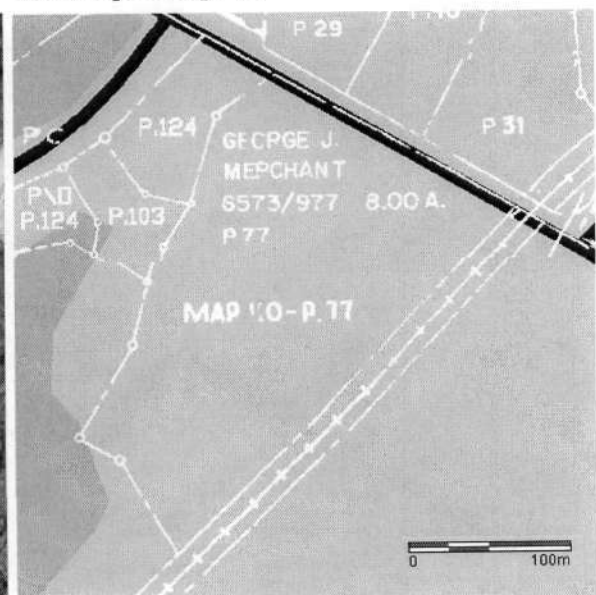
Upper Marlboro USGS Quad



8069 Croom Road (MD 382), Upper Marlboro
Upper Marlboro Quadrangle



An aerial photograph showing a study area outlined by a white polygon. The area is surrounded by a road and some buildings. A scale bar in the bottom right corner indicates a distance of 100m.





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June 1999

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northeast corner

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commercial building
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